MYSTERIOUS POISONS.

The True Stories About Them More Wonderful Than Fiction.

Interesting Descriptions of the Poisonous Trees and Plants of the Indian Islands-Strange Effects of Nitrobenzine.

Not long since a daily newspaper contained a paragraph dated New London, Conn., which told how a farmer and his wife were overpowered by the noxious Tumes of a stick of poison alder which had been thrown into the kitchen stove, and how a physician had a hard strug-gle to save their lives. A New York Sun reporter showed it to a well-known scientist, who has made the study of toxicology a specialty, and asked him whether there could possibly be any truth in it. Here is what the professor

"Young man, take out your note book, sit down and listen, and I will tell you something about a subject that the public knows less about than any other in the world. That story isn't or ever will be true. It is of exactly the same character as the following myths which I am going to relate to you.

"On the island of Java grows the bo hun upas tree, which owes its notoriety to Foersch, a surgeon in the employ of the Dutch East India Company, who, mearly a hundred years ago, told some wonderful stories about it. He related how the emanations of this tree killed all animals that approached it; how the birds that flew too near fell dead; how criminals that were condemned to death were allowed to collect leaves from the tree, and that only two out of twenty ever returned; how it grew in a valley, with no tree or plant within ten miles of it, all being a barren waste, strewn with human and other bones It was a beautiful story, and the world believed it. Scientists discovered in 1810 that the upas was a very poisonous tree, whose effects were similar to those of poison ivy.

"Next is the manchineel, a poisonous evergreen tree which grows in the West India islands. This tree was said to be even more deadly than the upas, and it was generally supposed that a drop of its juice falling upon the skin had the same effect as the application of a red-hot iron. The milky juice of this tree is undoubtedly highly poisonons, but such stories as the above are highly exaggerated. This poison, like car poison sumae, affects some persons more seriously than others. It is said that the smoke from burning manchineel wood produces temporary blindness This is true in a measure, though it does not effect every one in the same away. Berthold Seemann, the botanist, was blind for a few days after he had gathered some of the leaves of the tree on the coast of Florida, and some of the crew were blind for nearly s week from having made a fire of the wood.

"Dramatists, as a rule, do not know the first thing about poisons. Nathaniel Lee, in his tragedy of Alexander, makes one of his characters administer a poison to the conqueror of the world, which,

"Mixed with his wine, e single drop gives death, and sends him howling to the shades below.

"And swallowing this terrible mix-ture, Alexander goes through the latter part of the fourth and most of the fifth act, kills a man, makes a fine speech, raves wildly, recovers his senses, and, after a fine dying address, goes off. Now, there isn't a poison in the world which can produce such an effect. There is a poison, little known to playwrights, which has a much more wonderful effect than this, but very few people know anything about it. After it is swallowed the person walks about for a time varying from half an hour to two hours, then his skin, and even the whites of his eyes, become of a strange purplish, livid color. He may feel perfectly well, when suddenly neute pain will set in, and in a few mo ments he dies. This effect is produced

by nitrobenzine. Then there is Philip Massinger, who in his play, 'The Duke of Milan,' shows that he doesn't know the first thing about toxicology. One of the characters scatters a polsonous powder over a flower, which is afterward given to a female. Some of the powder falls on her hand, and when her lover salutes The tips of her fingers he dies. Pure aconitine itself, the most powerful of all known vegetable poisons, would hardly produce that effect.

"The most powerful and deadly poison in the world and at the same time the oldest one known to mankind, is prussic acid. To illustrate its antiquity: An Egyptologist has read on an Egyptian papyrus preserved at the Louvre, 'Pro nce not the name of J. A. O. unde the penalty of the peach.' The only poison which can be distilled from the peach is prussic acid, so that it must have been known to the Egyptian. A knight in the reign of Tiberlus, accusof high treason, swallowed poison and fell dead at the feet of the senators No poison but prussic said, and that only in a concentrated state, would have had this effect. The prussic said that is sold in drug stores is only diluted stuff, containing a small percentage of the real acid. Pure prussic acid is made only in chemical laboratories, and is so powerful that were a person to inhale the fumes arising from it in one good whiff he would drop dead.

"Another interesting poison is the Chatoora of the Hindoos, a species of belladonna which these people administer to persons of high rank to produce cility. It is distilled from the seeds of the common thorn apple, which grows as plentifully in New Jersey as the does in India."

A Deluge of Doctors. More than 100,000 medical students Thuve graduated during the past two mars in the United States, and are w looking for business in that line. The number seems out of all propor-tion, but a medical journal declares Chat 7,000 graduates per year can be terred out to make a fair living, as the lation advances in the same ratio.

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OHIO LEGISLATURE.

COLUMBUS, April 6.—SENATS—The senate was in session long enough to receive two nominations by the governor. The nominations were Michael Stanton, or Scioto county, to be a member of the board of managers of the Ohio penitentiary for five years, beginning March 31, 1891, and Edward Squire, of Defiance county, to be a member of the board of trustees of the institution for feeble-minded youth for five years, beginning April 6, 1891.

HOUSE.—Only a dozen members were present. The journal for the week past was read and approved, and the following bills were introduced: Authorizing probate and common pleas courts to appoint an ad interim sheriff, when the elected sheriff is incapacitated from attending to

ed sheriff is incapacitated from attending to h s duties. Amending the law as to "good his duties. Amending the law as to "good time" of pentientiary convicts, making the application thereof mandatory instead of discretionary with the managers, in accordance with the following schedule: One-pear, five days in each month; two years, 7 days in each month; three years, 9 days in each month; four years, 10 days in each month; six years or over, 18 days in each month;

COLUMBUS, April 7.—SENATE.—Bills intro duced: To provide that county official publica-tions must be made in two papers of opposite politics in the county, instead of at the county seat; to provide for the admission into the blind asylum of pupils over 21 years and under 25 years of age, who have become blind recent-ly and have not had educational advantages; to

25 years of age, who have become blind recently and have not had educational advantages; to make it an offense, punishable with \$1.000 fine or sixty days' imprisonment, or both, to furnish intexicating liquor to an immue of a jail or prison; to require railroad companies to stop three passenger trains each way on every day at county seats and villages and cities having three thousand or more inhabitants, providing so many trains are running. Several bills of a local nature were passed.

House—Bills passed: Amending section 3908 R. S. so as to provide for elections by wards in village school districts; authorizing the several counties of the state to raise money to secure the location of the Obio agricultural experiment station, and to provide for such location; to enable the auditor of Hamilton county to correct and complete the plats and tax duplicate of said county, and to authorize the borrowing of \$15.000 for that purpose. Bills introduced: Providing that when the owner of a headgate refuses or neglects to repair the same property, the improvement shall be made by the county commissioners at the expense of the owner; to provide for the election of members of village boards of education separately in the respective wards; to authorize the respective counties of the state to offer inducements for securing the location of the Ohio agricultural experiment station, the matter in each case to be submitted to a vote of the peopie; to provide that the semi-menthly payment law shall apply to firms and private individuals who employ help; to fix the ameunts of flow and bran to be allowed by miliers in exchange who employ help; to fix the amounts of flow and bran to be allowed by millers in exchange

COLUMBUS. April 8 -SENATE-Bills passed: COLUMBUS. April 8 — SEMATE—Bills passed: Prohibiting railroad companies from employing as conductors others than experienced railroad men; relative to the release of deposits made by insurance companies and to provide for the withdrawal of the deposits of insurance com-panies other than life, when their risks in Ohio have expired and their liabilities have been liquidated; sunjementary acction 522 revised liquidated: suplementary section \$38, revised statutes, so that it shall be the duty of towarhip trustees to examine into the condition of children's homes once a year, and to see to it that the inmates are properly cared for; amending section 3,641a, of the revised statutes, so as to permit fire insurance companies to insure sgainst loss by explosion and to permit them to insure employes against secident caused by fire or explosion; relative to the employment of child labor in fectories and mines. child labor in factories and mines.

when any county pays more taxes into the state treasury for school purposes than they are allowed under the school apportionment, that the surplus so paid shall be refunded to such county; authorizing Celumbus to condemn land and establish a sewage farm; to prevent supervisors from establishing as epen ditch before a person's residence without his

ditch before a person's residence without his consent; authorizing the majority of blockholders of any incorporated company to call a meebing at any time to elect officers.

COLUMBUS, April 9.—SERATE.—Bills passed: Providing for the repair and care of streets in the city of Columbus; providing for the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America in all of the public achools of the state; amending Section 161 of the Revised Statutes, so that when boys are transferred from the peniteutiary to the boys' industrial school, and then remanded again to industrial school, and then remanded again to the penitentiary, they shall get no credit for the time served at school; detaching certain terri-tory from the corporation of Lancaster, Fair-field township, and attaching it to adjoining townships; authorizing the levying of a tax not exceeding ten mills in special school districts for educational purposes. for educational purposes.

HOUSE—The canal question was reopened in

the house this morning by an attempt to pass Mr. Wagner's bill providing for clearing the channel of Big Beaver river and to secure outlet for the waste water from the Mercer count reservoir. The bill appropriated \$13,000 by the state, on condition that the commissioners of Mercer county made a levy sufficient to defray the expenses of the construction in addition to the state appropriation. After a wrangle for an hour the bill was defeated on a vote of \$1 to St. It required 76 votes to pass it. Subsequently there was reconsideration, and the bill was referred to the committee on ditches, drains

and water courses.

Columbus, April 10.—Serate—Bills passed:
Appropriating \$750 to defray the expenses iscurred in the decoration of the state house at
the time of Gen. W. T. Sherman's death; prothe time of Gen. W. T. Sherman's death: providing for the appointment by the director of public works of Cleveland of an inspector of stationary engines. Bills introduced: Providing for the disposition of the direct tax recently refunded by the general government; providing for the appointment of a commission to secure an escampment for the Ohio National Guards; authorizing the expenditure of \$800 for the completion of the Mexican war roster; providing terminal railroad facilities for the city of Cincinnati; regulating the advertising of the levy for turnpike roads.

HOUSE:—Bills passed: Authorizing the com-

cinnati; regulating the advertising of the levy for tumpike roads.

HOUSE:—Bills passed: Authorizing the commissioners of Clermont County to transfer \$3.000 from the building to the county fund; appropriating \$13,000 for the purpose of lighting the state house with electricity authorizing the commissioners of Brown county to construct a free tumpike from Georgetown to the Ripley and Arthelm read; increasing pay of pelice force in Cincinnati. Bills introduced: To smend section \$690, revised statutes, so as to provide for jury trials in vacation of roads; amending section \$197, revised statutes, so that where chattels are loaned to art museums a certificate of right to reclaim the property from the borrower may be filed at any time within ten years; amending section \$50, revised statutes, extending the jurisdiction of the common pleas court in cases where the probate judge is incapaciated to act on account of relationship to contestants or other causes: providing for indexing cases in the supreme court.

A BROKEN frog caused the derailment of a south-bound freight train on the Cleveland and Lorain and Wheeling road, five miles north of Massillon. A car of sugar, a car of lumber and twelve soal flats were piled in a heap on the track. The property damaged being

very great.
ANNIE PROSPER, aged 22, daughter of Benjamin Prosper, of Massillon, made the third unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide, the other morning. She took a dose of laudanum, the equivalent of twenty-three grains of morphine, but her life was saved by the prompt action of two physicians. The cause was despondency, produced by an incurable hip disease.

Mrs. Barcus, of Newark, gave birth to triplets—two boys and a girl—the other day. The latter's weight was four pounds, and the boys six and a quarter and seven, respectively. They are plump and healthy, and are getting along nicely

BLOODY RIOT.

The Fight Occurs at a Fire. Through Obstructing Firemen.

Firemen, Police, Roughs and Merchants in the Melee, and Twenty Persons Are Badly Injured.

A serious riot occurred at Kingston, just across the river from Wilkesbarre, Pa., Thursday afternoon, while the local fire brigade was engaged in extinguishing a fire. Mitchell Duffy, from Edwardsville, forced his way inside the lines. Upon refusing to get out, the firemen turned the hose on him. A number of Edwardsville men who were watching the fire became angry at this, and jumping over the ropes attacked the firemen fiercely. The latter stoutly defended themselves, and in a short time no less than twentyfive men were engaged in a hand-tohand encounter. Stones, clubs, wrenches and everything that could be used as a weapon, were wielded. The firemen were soon outnumbered, and were on the point of beating a re-treat, when the police appeared and engaged at once with the rioters. Meantime reinforcements arrived from Edwardsville, the battle became general. business men along Main street, seeing the police beaten back by the Edwardsville people, took a hand in the affray. The fight was long and bloody, and when, at the end of an hour, the Edwardsville forces were put to flight, there were no less than twenty men badly injured on each side. Broken heads, noses and limbs kept the doctors of both towns busy for hours, and it is feared that two or three may die from their injuries. Duffy was arrested and is now in jail.

Great Cotton Pire.

The cotton sheds of Hill. Fontaine & Co., at Front and Commerce streets, Memphis, Tenn., caught fire, it is thought, from the spark of a passing ocomotive, about 11 o'clock Thursday night. At 12 a. m. the fire was still burning fiercely, with prospects of the entire destruction of the sheds, in which are stored between eight and ten tlou-sand bales of cotton. The loss will be nearly \$235,000. Insurance not known.

Woman Police Judges in Kansas.

Two Kansas towns elected woman police judges. Mrs. Mary T. Burton, formerly editor of the Kansan and at present postmistress, was elected at Jamestown, and Mrs. Jessie McCormick at Burr Oak. Both are strong prohibitionists. Mrs. Burton is the widow of a prominent politician, who died from the effects of strong drink. She is especially bitter against the traffic of liquors.

Killed in Their Sleep.

Three tramps went to sleep under a ide-tracked freight ear, near Pittsburgh, Pa., Wednesday night. Some time early next morning an engine pulled the ear out, killing John Mooney and an unknown man, and cutting off both feet of John Kerins. The last named says he lives at 2218 Market street, Philadelphia.

The Madosh Bite Performed.

The body of Gen. Albert Pike, the eminent Mason, was removed from the Scottish Rite cathedral, Washington, Thursday night to the Congregational church where, at midnight, the solemn and impressive ceremonies of the Kadosh Rite was performed. The funeral took place Friday.

Date Missly Left a Confession

A confession of Dave Nicely was made public at Somerset, Pa., Thursday, in which he says he was present when Herman Umberger was murdered. While he does not say so, it is thought that Dave intended to convey the idea that Joe committed the murder. Both died protesting innocence.

Our Treaty With Brazil.

The North German Gazette, referring to the United States' commercial treaty with Brazil, says the German exporters will probably lose a great portion of the South American market, and this is a reason, the Gasette adds, for the conclusion of the Austro-German treaty as paving a way for new trade outlets.

Intruders Ordered Out.

Secretary Noble has ordered all intruders out of the Sac and Fox, Cheyenne and Arapahoe, and Iowa and Pot-tawattomic Indian reservations and has instructed the soldiers to clear the entire country, in order to give everybody a fair chance when the lands are thrown open for settlement.

Used Gaseline for Kindling.

Sadie Nye, aged fourteen, daughter of H. P. Nye, was fatally burned Wednesday morning at Goshen, Ind., while kindling the kitchen fire with gasoline.

Killed Her Children and Herself.
Mrs. Andrew Doll, of Herman, Neb. who had been discharged from an asy-lum as cured, killed her two young children and then committed suicide.

Nine Were Barred. Nine more Italian immigrants were Thursday barred from landing at New York, as danger from contagious dis-eases was apprehended.

Work for Canadian Cruisers. The Canadian cruisers will go into service about the 1st of May to protect the Canadian fisheries.

Rush of Immigration.

Thursday's registration of immigrants at the barge office landing station, New York, has been the largest since last summer. There were 4,832 steerage passengers from six steamships registered. The ateamships Cashmere and Birmania arrived Wednesday with 2,197 Italians too late to be landed.

WILS HOWARD

The Kentucky Outlaw, Secretly Slipped to a Missouri Jall.

Willis Howard, the notorious Kentucky outlaw, who gained a national reputation through his connection with the famous Howard-Turner-Bailey feud in Kentucky, and who is credited with having killed at least twenty-one men, was removed secretly from the St. Louis jail Friday night, where he had been placed some two months ago for safekeeping when released from the penitentiary at San Quentin, Cal. He was taken to the county seat of Maries county by the sheriff and six deputies, all heavily armed, to answer a charge of murder, and it is said he was implicated in the killing of a deaf mute named Meller in that county in 1889 to conceal a robbery. It is said friends had arranged for Howard's rescue when the transfer was made. Hearing of this, the jailer at the Four Courts announced that Howard would not be started for Maries until Saturday moraing, and then slipped his prisoner off on the night train, ironed and chained to a seat. Six desperate-looking men, wearing slouch hats, boarded the train at the same time, and it is feared an attempt will yet be made to rescue him

NOT A MONKEY.

from the officers.

And Does Not Appreciate Being So Por-trayed-King Humbert and His Subjects Hot Again.

Friday night's advices from Italy represent the Rudini cabinet as deeply burt by American comment on the Italian difficulty, and that there is consequently a revulsion of feeling in favor of aggressive measures. It is said that King Humbert has received from the editor of an Italian newspaper in America a package of American newspapers containing pictures ridiculing, his majesty and belittling the power and dignity of Italy. One picture in particular, representing the king as a monkey, gave great offense. Italian blood is again boiling and some-thing startling is anticipated within a few days.

America and Spain.

The London Times correspondent at Madrid says complete reserve is maintained in regard to the treaty with America, but it is believed that America grants the broadest concessions in regard to sugar and other Cuban products, excepting tobacco, which, for the present, is outside of the negotiations. Any further treatings necessary will be made directly with the Washington government. It is believed that Gen. Foster made advances for a Spanish treaty.

The Canadians Satisfied.

Friday morning Sir John Thompson and Hon. George E. Foster reached Ottawa, Ont., from Washington. Their first utterances were complimentary of both President Harrison and Secretary Blaine. Both are confident the Amer ican administration will meet Canada half way in the prospective negotiations for the settlement of the trade and At-lantic fishery questions.

It is reported in Rome that if the U. S. government does not answer the Marquis Imperiallis' note by Saturday, Mr. Porter, the American minister there, will be ordered to leave Italy, and the whole Italian legation in Washington will be recalled, and the Italian interests left in charge of the British minister.

The Escaped Italian Immigrants.

Col. Weber, superintendent of emigration at New York, received instruc-

tions Friday from Washington to begin actions at once against the steamer Burgundia and Iniziativa for allowing the Italian emigrants who were placed on board to be returned to their native land to escape from said vessels. Decision Worth a Half Million.
In the U. S. circuit court at Helena,

Mont, an opinion was handed down in the case of the Northern Pacific railroad vs. W. S. Cannon et al., involving title to lands valued at over half a million, within the city limits of Helena. The decision virtually determines the case in Cannon's favor.

A Boy of Fiendish Instinct. At Richburg, N. C., Clarence Robert

son, aged 8 years, and Emma Straw, aged 4 years, disputed over a game in which they had been engaged, and the boy, in a rage, picked up a stone and killed his playmate. The boy, about a year ago, attempted to set fire to his home because his father whipped him.

Must Be Twenty-Five to Vote.

The Belgian chamber of deputies

committee, appointed to consider the suffrage question, has decided in favor of household suffrage, twenty-five years being the minimum voting age and the elector paying ten francs in direct taxation.

The Battle in India. A dispatch from the viceroy of India confirms the news that Lieut. Grant, on April 6, repulsed four thousand Manipuri natives, armed with guns. teen of the British were killed, and

twenty-seven wounded. Baron Pava Sails Away. Baron Fava, the recalled Italian min-ister, left the Victoria hotel, New York, Friday night for the French liner La-Gascogne and left these shores for

home Saturday morning. Goes to Behring Sea. The revenue cutter Bear has been dispatched to Behring Sea to prevent seal poaching.

Massachusett's Direct Tax.

The application of the state of Massachusetts for her share of the direct tax -\$700,894 -was Friday received at the treasury department.

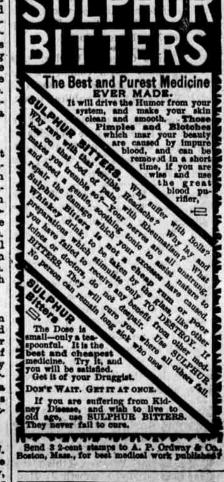
Sentenced to Death.

Robert Williams, who in November last shot and killed A. B. Hayes at Pine Bluff, Ark., has been sentenced to hang

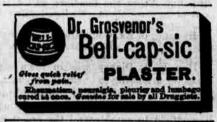
Secretary Posts.'s Third Assistant.
The president has appointed ex-Con-pressman Alonso Vrounse, of Nebraska, third assistant accretary of the tresau-

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